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SUBJ: COMMUNIST LABOR FEDERATION OUTLAWED AND
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1. FACED WITH CONTINUED DEFIANCE BY COMMUNIST-DOMINATED
CNT LABOR FEDERATION TO ITS "BACK-TO-WORK" ORDER, PRESIDENT
BORDABERRY'S ADMINISTRATION DECREED DISSOLUTION OF FEDERATION
DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 30. LENGTHY DECREE, CHARGING CNT
WITH IMPEDING VITAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTING "VIOLENCE AGAINST THE
WELL-BEING OF THE NATION," DECLARED FEDERATION TO BE AN ILLEGAL
ASSOCIATION, ORDERED THE CLOSING OF ALL CNT OFFICES, SEIZURE
OF THE FEDERATION'S ASSETS, AND ARREST OF LEADERS OF ORGANIZA-
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TION RESPONSIBLE FOR PROLONGING STRIKE.

2. AT SAME TIME, GOU MILITARY FORCES SUCCEEDED IN DISLODGING WORKERS WHO HAD OCCUPIED VITAL STATE OWNED ANCAP FUEL REFINERY AND STORAGE COMPLEX. ACTION TOOK PLACE WITHOUT VIOLENCE, AND BY LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 30 FUEL SUPPLIES WERE BEING DELIVERED THROUGHOUT CITY. TRANSPORT SERVICES SLOWLY RETURNING TO NORMAL. STRIKING BANK WORKERS HAVE ALSO BEEN EJECTED FROM MOST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. MILITARY ACTIONS AGAINST STRIKERS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY LABOR SOURCES REPORT THAT CNT WAS STUNNED AND SURPRISED TO ACCEPT MINISTRATION OF BORRBERYS

ADMINISTRATION. CONFUSION AMONG CNT LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN FURTHER COMPOUNDED BY GOU ARREST ORDER, PLUS OCCUPATION BY MILITARY FORCES NOT ONLY OF FEDERATION'S OFFICES BUT OF OFFICES OF SOME OF ITS MOST MILITANT AFFILIATES, SUCH AS BANK WORKER'S UNION AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS. RESULT WAS AMOST TOTAL BREAD-DOWN IN COMMUNICATION WITHIN FEDERATION DURING WEEKEND AND PARALYSIS IN CNT ABILITY TO RESPOND TO STIFF ACTION AGAINST IT. SAME SOURCES INDICATE THAT GENERAL MOOD OF CNT RANK

AND FILE FAVORS IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE WITH GOU "BACK-TO-WORK" DEMAND, BUT THERE IS SOME INTIMIDATION BY MORE

RADICAL GROUPS DEMANDING EITHER CONTINUANCE OF STRIKE ORDERS OR VIOLENT CONFRONTATION WITH MILITARY FORCES. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT LEVEL OF CNT REACTION TO GOU DECREE WILL NOT BE CLEAR UNTIL WORKERS GATHER AT WORK SITES TODAY.

4. THROUGHOUT WEEKEND, MONTEVIDEO EXHIBITED CASUAL CALM AND QUIET HOLIDAY ATTITUDE. TED FARN COUNUDIC#ORDER FORCES HAVE SHOWN EXTREME CARE AND SENSITIVITY TO AVOIDANCE OF ANY VIOLENT COLLISIONS WITH STRIKING WORKERS AND LATTER HAVE RESPONDED IN KIND. ADMINISTRATION HAS UNDERTAKEN NUMBER OF "POPULAR" MEASURES IN LAST 24 HOURS: ORDERING SALE OF GASOLINE ON SUNDAY AND RELEASE TO PUBLIC OF SOME MEAT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR EXPORT. ADMINISTRATION DECREE JUNE
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30 RAISING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TO MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR ONLY THOSE PENSIONERS OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE, HOWEVER, SIGNED THAT ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT BE PREPARED TO "BUY OFF" WORKER SUPPORT, AND, AS OF THIS MORNING (JULY 2), GOU HAS YET TO ANNOUNCE ITS DECISIONS RE SCHEDULED JULY 1 WAGE-PRICE INCREASES. ALTHOUGH BORDABERRY ADMINISTRATION HAS CLEARLY SEIZED THE INITIATIVE IN ITS CURRENT CONFRONTATION WITH THE POWERFUL COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED LABOR SECTOR, KEY FACTOR WILL BE

REACTION OF CNT TO IN EFFECT ITS "DEATH WARRANT," ONCE THE
SHOCK OF THE GOU'S DECREE HAS WORN OFF.
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